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Herbert J. Gleed, Jr., W6ZPX, winner of 1964 QCWA QSO Party.

REPORT ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The initial 1964 QCWA Board of Directors meeting was held in New York on February 11, 1964. The following is a summary of the minutes:—

1. The Board approved the minutes as issued of the Board meeting held May 27, 1963 and the minutes of the Annual Meeting held October 25, 1963 (See QCWA News Letters of September, 1963 and January, 1964).

2. The Executive Secretary reported that membership increased by 513 during 1963. The last assigned membership number as of February 10, 1964 was 4,017. The total paid-up membership is 3,139 including 155 Life Members. The "Silent Keys" now total 200 and 678 had been dropped from membership since 1948.

3. The Treasurer presented a report

of operations for the 1963 fiscal year condensed as follows:—

(a) Receipts during 1963	\$ 9,510.40
(b) Expenditures during 1963	5,587.51
(c) Balance	3,922.89
(d) In bank on January 1, 1964 for current working capital	\$ 4,180.38

4. The Board decided to make the "50 Years in Amateur Radio Awards" at the 1964 Annual QCWA Meeting.

5. After careful consideration of the various aspects involved, the Board concluded that it was not feasible at this time to expand its membership to include Directors from Chapters. Therefore, there was no need to consider any amendment to Article III of the Constitution to provide for an Executive Committee.

6. The Board voted the following addition to Article II of the By-Laws:—
Section 5: Applicants accepted for membership who were former members may be reassigned their original

membership number, if available, upon the payment of a reentry fee, the amount to be the same as the normal entry fee, all the back dues to date and three years dues in advance; or upon payment of the reentry fee and Life Membership dues.

7. The Board felt that the matter of financial assistance to Chapters should be handled on an individual basis for any Chapter requesting such assistance.

8. The Board voted to supply a standard QCWA banner, inscribed with the Chapter's name, to each Chapter with 50 or more members.

9. The President, with the Board's approval, appointed Dr. A. L. Walsh, W2BW and Mr. Arthur L. Greenberg, W2CYK, as the Financial Committee, per Article IV, Section 1 of the By-Laws, to audit the Treasurer's records.

10. The Board agreed that continued publicity about QCWA was needed and approved the use of advertisements in QST, CQ and other publications as deemed desirable.

11. The Board approved that QCWA

together with other organizations would sponsor a cocktail party on August 21, 1964 in connection with the National ARRL Convention at the New York Hilton Hotel.

12. The Board directed the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer to arrange to issue a 1964-1965 Year Book before July, 1964 if at all possible. The "Silent Keys" listing will be continued using three columns per page if feasible. The Board rejected by a 4 to 3 vote a motion to include the membership number after each member's name in the forthcoming Year Book.

13. During the meeting, the Board discussed at length, but without formal action, various matter concerning the welfare and continued growth of the Association.

1964-1965 QCWA YEAR BOOK

A copy of the new 1964-1965 Year Book is enclosed with this News Letter only to paid-up members in good standing. Therefore, if a copy is not found herein, it means that a remittance to the Treasurer is in order. Please remit at once if your dues are in arrears. It is planned to publish at least one supplement to the Year Book each year in order to keep it of current interest to all members.

QCWA 50 YEARS IN AMATEUR RADIO AWARD

The following QCWA members have been reported by the Executive Secretary, W2ZM, as having submitted satisfactory evidence as of June 1, 1964 for qualifying for the Fifty Years in Amateur Radio Award. These members originally were licensed in 1912, 1913 or 1914. The Awards, as previously announced, will be made at the 1964 QCWA Annual Meeting:—W1AE, W1CK, W1IH, W1LV, W1MH, W1OW, W1PH, W1TZ, W1VW, W1ZE; W2AA, W2AG, W2BM, W2BO, W2BR, K2CR, K2DD, W2DI, W2DJ, W2DZA, K2DZI, W2EC, W2EG, W2EH, K2FR, W2FBL, W2GC, K2HB, K2JU, W2LP, W2MDB, W2PC, K2PI, W2WX, W2YQ, W2ZM; W3DP, W3HQ, W3IU, W3OM, W3OY, K3PT, W3RV, W3SD; K4BY, W4HE, W4SN; K6AJ, W6AHG, W6AM, K6BE, W6BG, W6BGO, W6BO, K6BY, W6EZ, K6FH, W6GW, W6IN, W6IR, W6IS, W6LFZ, K6LI, W6PG; K7AM, W7AN, W7HF, W7JH, W7OE, W7HR; W8DG, W8DJ, W8KS, W8RA, W8ZL; W9CE. Total of 76. It is not too late to submit your documentary proof to the Executive Secretary that you were originally licensed as an amateur radio

operator or that you had an amateur radio station license in 1912, 1913 or 1914.

CELEBRATION OF 50th ANNIVERSARY OF ARRL

The 50th Anniversary of ARRL will be celebrated in connection with the ARRL National Convention to be held at New York Hilton Hotel, New York City, August 21-23, 1964. This Convention is sponsored by the Hudson Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (HARC). Details of the Convention program appear in June, 1964 QST, pages 124 and 125. QCWA is helping to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the League by sponsoring with other organizations a cocktail party and informal get-together of old-timers at the New York Hilton Hotel on Friday August 21, 1964 from 5:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. or later. Tickets will be only \$3.00 which will cover two drinks and assorted nuts, pretzels, chips, cheddar cheese plus a door prize. Additional drinks may be purchased at the bar at a slightly reduced hotel rate of \$1.20 each. Tickets may be procured at the door or in advance from HARC, P. O. Box 58, Central Islip, Long Island, N. Y. It is hoped that as many members as possible will try to attend this event and also meet the many QCWA members in the New York Metropolitan area. All details are being handled by the HARC Convention Committee. There also will be a QCWA booth at the Convention. See you there.

TREASURER'S NOTES

Our hard-working Treasurer, Fred Huff, W2AMB, would have more time for QSOs if members promptly paid their dues. By taking out a Life Membership for \$25, or paying 3 or 6 year dues in advance at the discount-store price of \$5 and \$10, respectively, you will help substantially to reduce the paperwork load and, incidentally, save yourself money. Article II of the QCWA By-Laws provides that members who had not paid their dues by 90 days after the first of the year automatically are no longer in good standing. Please check your dues card and if you are delinquent, past-due or just forgot to pay, send your check for at least 3 years dues in advance (only \$5) in addition to those that you owe. This will greatly help to keep yourself and the Treasurer happy. Members not in good standing will not be listed in the Year Book.

1964 QSO PARTY RESULTS

The 1964 QCWA QSO Party, held February 14-16, 1964 was won by Herbert J. Gled, Jr., W6ZPX with 225 points closely followed by Earl M.

Reichman, W8NBK, with 223 contacts. The other top scorers were:

W4FNQ 196
K6GIL 165
W6NW1 135
W2ZM 123
W9VZP 120
W2CDJ 107
W4HTV 96
W1AQE 95
W3BHP 93
W3AIZ 90

Scores received from outside the U. S. included KP4CC 96, VE3DH 57, IER 9, OD5LX 5. Participating YL members were W6AAN and W8NAL. The neatest logs were submitted by W4HTV and W7LQ.

The QSO Party this year was sponsored by the Southern California Chapter with Walter Knight, K6GMA, serving as the Chief Log-Checker and Judge. Walt was ably assisted by Harry, W4GAYF, Tom, W6PIF, Ralph, K6GIL and Bill, K6HV. They all helped to check the many logs received and to ascertain the correct scores.

Herb, W6ZPX, previously had won the 1961 contest so that he now is tied with Ed, W4FNQ, who won the 1962 and 1963 contests, for the QCWA QSO Plaque Award.

The following points have been suggested by Walt, K6GMA, as a guide for future contests:

- (1) The annual QSO Party should be only for QCWA members.
- (2) A week-end should be selected that will not coincide with other contests.
- (3) A cw frequency of 14,080 kc would be better than 14,100 kc for contest contacts because of QRM conditions.

Several members, including Tom, K6KD, mentioned the "desperate battles fought on 14,100 kc" during the contest and that "QRM was as solid as the ice pack in the Ross Sea". Space does not permit publishing all comments received but it appears that a good time was had by all and that next year should bring increased competition and more fun.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

George Droste, W6IN (x-W2IN) has been traveling around the South Sea Islands. He recently completed a successful tour of Tahiti, Honolulu and other South Sea points before taking off for South America. Maybe George is thinking of following the foot-steps of Gus.

Walter Cobb, W2CO, is now DL5CW in West Germany where he is on a two-year assignment for ITT. Look for him on cw on 14095 kc, at

2100 GMT. Walt's new QTH is c/o ISEI, APO 757, N. Y.

George Goldston, WSMGO, is the author of a recent article on "Professional Qualifications — the Flimsy Analogy" which emphasizes the continued need for hams to improve their technical standing.

Dorothy Hertzberg, the wife of Bob, W2DJI, passed away in May. Bob is remaining at his present QTH for a while.

Lt. Col. J. D. Andrew, USAF, is now W4EFG/7. Joe is the Chaplain at McChord AFB, Tacoma, Wash.

W4PAE, Capt. R. M. Miller, USN, now commands the USS Aludra (AF55) somewhere in the Pacific Ocean. He soon may be operating on 14285 kc.

Carl Carson, W6CBG, is at the Illinois Bldg. at New York World's Fair manning the Disney equipment. Drop in on him anytime.

Our traveling Vice-President, Earl Thomas, W2MM, operated 4X1ITU on a recent trip to Europe. Earl thought he was on a DX-pedition because when he sent out a CQ, he was deluged by calls from stations all over Europe. It seems that 4X1ITU is considered a separate country.

For the first time in over 40 years of brass pounding, W2PF finally installed a beam. It is a 3-element 20 meter type manufactured by a fellow QCWA member. Owners of Collins 30-S1 transmitters may be interested in a simple modification devised by Earl, W2MM, to permit full 1kw peak power output. The dope probably will appear in a QST article. W6RT and several others have made the change with resultant signal improvements.

QCWA CHAPTERS

With the addition of the Nebraska and Toledo, Ohio Chapters, that were formed during the past few months, we now have 24 Chapters. Members, particularly those recently joined are reminded that they are not automatically assigned to a Chapter. If you already have not contacted your local Chapter Officers, please do so at once as per the list below. In this manner, you will be able to meet your fellow-member and participate in the activities of your Chapter. The organization of Chapters is covered in Article VI of the By-Laws. Ten members in good standing residing within the same geographical area are required to initiate a Chapter.

Chapter	Officers
Arizona	K7RUR, W7CS, K7TJN
Baltimore	W3TAVZ, W3QA
Canton, Ohio	W8EUK, W8QYV, W8NAL

Chicago	W9WR
Cleveland, Ohio	W8BF, W8KC
Dayton, Ohio	W8FYR, W8SEL
Delaware Valley	W3HX, W3KV, W3CL, W2AXU
Findlay, Ohio	W8QP, W8HW, W8UBI
Florida Southeast	W4GJ, W4BTM
Michigan	W8CAM, W8QPO
Missouri	W0PUS, W0VRN
Nebraska	W0KKG
New England	W1PHP, W1PO, W1EJ
Northern California	W6PLS, W6WF
Northwest	W7AYO, W7BV, K7CNE
Pittsburgh	W3NUG, W3AJU
San Diego	W6BKZ, W6GWY, W6EKM
Southern California	W6YRP, W6AYF
Susquehanna Valley	W3OY, W3ANA
Oklahoma	W5FWZ, W5MMH
Toledo, Ohio	W8ALP, W8IZQ, W8GJS
Upper Midwest	W0OEP, W0RZU
Washington, D. C.	W3RE, W3CDQ
West Gali	W5LR, W5AFI

ALASKAN EARTHQUAKE COMMUNICATIONS

Preliminary reports indicate that quite a number of members, particularly those on the west coast, participated in handling emergency communications during the Alaskan earthquake disaster. A brief synopsis of the excellent emergency communications handled by hams along the west coast was received from Don Geer, K7CNE of the Northwest Chapter. During the initial stages, KL7ENV acted as the NCS in Alaska and many stations in Washington, Oregon, Calif., Idaho, Montana and Nevada took turns as NCS as skip conditions changed. The 20 meter band was used during daylight hours, 40 meters until about 10 PM local time and then 80 meters until sunrise. Thousands of messages were handled on both cw and SSB. KL7APH/Mobile was the only station on the air from Kodiak and reported into Juneau. Many Alaskan stations, amateur, commercial and government were out-of-business because the water submerged their emergency equipment.

ARIZONA CHAPTER

A Spring Picnic was held on April 19, 1964 at Mesa, Arizona. Fourteen members and their wives, total of 35, attended including several youngsters. All had a wonderful time. Many of the Chapter members formerly were from other call areas and knew each other back in the east, south, north, etc. The

next picnic meeting is scheduled for July 26, 1964 at Prescott with W7GOH and his wife, Esther, as hosts. Charlie, K7TJN (x-W1DWS) is taking a summer vacation to Europe as chief operator on the State of New York Training Ship. Graham, K7RUR, Chapter Chairman, is anxious to increase the membership to at least 50. How about helping him by spreading the good word.

CANTON, O. CHAPTER

The Chapter's fifth dinner-meeting, held at McDonaldsville Inn near Masillon on March 12, 1964, was attended by 33 members and their ladies. Gray, W8EUK, the Chapter Chairman, presided. Earl, W8NBK, was congratulated by all for his close race against W6 ZPX in the annual QCWA QSO Party. W8HR plans to attend the Maritime Hamfest at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Sept. 5-6, 1964 and wants someone along as a companion (blonde?) W8OYV and Carmella, W8NAL, are the hard-working editor, publisher and secretary of the Chapter's monthly News Letter.

CLEVELAND CHAPTER

The dinner-meeting held on May 16, 1964 was attended by 96 members and their ladies. This was the first time that the ladies were invited and all enjoyed themselves. Orrie, W8BF, presided and kept things moving smoothly. W8BF and W8KC are carrying on the job of Chapter Chairman and Secretary, respectively, with the very able assistance of Doc, W8EBJ and Harry, W8BAH. Incidentally, W8BAH has just started his sixth year as editor of the "Ham Antenna" column in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. The Chapter was saddened by the recent death of Ellis A. Smith, W8QV, one of its most active members with over 45 years in ham radio. Jim, W8BU and his wife, Ella, W8EDS, are both active on the air. Jim now has 52 years in ham radio.

TOLEDO, O. CHAPTER

Toledo is our newest Chapter. Its territory covers the northwestern part of Ohio and the two southern Counties of Michigan which are in the greater Toledo metropolitan area. Chapter Officers are W8ALP, Chairman, W8IZQ Secretary and W8GJS, Treasurer. The State of Ohio now has 5 QCWA Chapters which is quite a record.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

The annual dinner on February 15, 1964 was attended by 91 members and guests who enjoyed an excellent dinner at the International Inn restaurant including lots of good Californian red

and white wine. Gene, W6PLS, after opening the meeting, introduced Carter Smith of radio station KSFO who took over as master of ceremonies. Tom Lott, VE2AGF, gave an interesting talk on the OSCAR satellite. Earl, W6FS, spoke about the early days of radiotelephone operations on shipboard. Many thanks are due to Ed Miller, WA6ONE, who made all the arrangements for this fine affair. The annual picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 14, 1964 at Adobe Creek Lodge in Los Altos.

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

This is the new name of the former Boston-Providence Chapter as voted at their annual dinner-meeting held in Auburn, Mass. on March 28, 1964. Thirty members attended this meeting and reelected the same Chapter Officers; namely: W1PHF, Chairman, W1PO, Secretary and W1EJ, Treasurer.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

The Chapter's Annual meeting will be held at Villa Motor Hotel, Burnaby, B. C. on July 11 and 12, 1964 in conjunction with the annual British Columbia Amateur Radio Association's "Old Timers Night". An excellent program is being arranged. K7LQ started his summer fishing season by hooking one salmon. W7IH plays the organ but manages to keep the QCWA net schedules. Horace, W7AG, Chuck, W7ER, and Stan, W7AYO, should be resuming active hamming again very soon. Both, Ray, W7LQ, and Bill, W7QA, only use DX-100s to work lots of DX. Howard, W7EFD, and Les, W7BLX, are contemplating SSB operations at last. Doc, W7OS, became a grandfather again after a nine year lapse. The NW QCWA Net on 3950 kc each Sunday afternoon still draws from 20 to 40 members. W7KN is retired from the Telephone Co. and is active on 2 meters. George, W7WK, looks after communications for the United Airlines.

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

Fourteen members and their wives attended the Chapter's dinner-meeting on May 8, 1964. Bill Walker, W3NUG, was elected Chairman and John Morgan, W3AJU is the new Secretary. Doc, W3RFN, retired as Chairman because he is moving to California. The recent passing away of Max Morgan, W8GBF, was noted by all present.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

The Chapter sponsored a dinner-meeting in cooperation with the Motor City Radio Club and Council of Amateur Radio Clubs of Southeastern Michigan at the Henry Ford Museum

and Greenfield Village on May 30, 1964. Major General Earle F. Cook, (USA Ret.) W4FZ, and the former Chief Signal Officer, was the main speaker. A full report will appear in the next issue.

QCWA SCHOLARSHIP INCENTIVE FUND

During July the Board of Directors tentatively approved the establishment of a fund, the income of which will be utilized to initiate the "QCWA Scholarship Incentive Fund." This

scholarship plan is to be administered by a special committee of five QCWA members selected by the QCWA Board of Directors to serve as trustees. Details of the "QCWA Scholarship Incentive Fund" and requirements for applicants will be announced as soon as final plans have been formulated. The general purpose is to help outstanding young licensed radio amateurs who have demonstrated their interest and qualifications to pursue an engineering or scientific career in the communications and electronics field.



Second District DX Hams welcomed Dr. Hart, XE1AH, at a party in New York City in 1932. Most are now QCWA members. How many can you recognize?

SILENT KEYS

The following have been added to the list of departed members since the last publication in the January, 1964 issue of the News Letter:

W1BJB—Dr. S. Forest Martin
W1ZE—Irving Vermilya
W2CM—Charles C. Stephens
W2CFT—Alfred Waring
WA2ERF—Robert A. Harris
W3BKE—Thomas B. Hedges
W3EQK—Arthur W. Plummer
WA6AMZ—William B. Barnes
W6GZA—Ferris M. Smith, Sr.
W6HSC—Mortimer O. Smith
W6IR—Ercil C. Arnold

W6LFZ—Edwin C. Fichtner
W6OG—H. Duke Hancock
W6UDQ—W. B. Donnenwirth
K6VQK—John E. C. Valentin
W7EHQ—Lloyd R. Norberg
W8DB—George I. Scovill
W8FRW—Gerald L. Ryan
W8GBF—Max A. Morgan
W8GVO—Dr. Paul H. Leimbach
W8HZJ—Edward L. Miller
W8QV—Ellis A. Smith
W9CTZ—Willard A. Hayward
W9PNB—Oliver G. Johns
W0RWF—C. E. Bellinger
KH6EZ/KH6BRR—Ira G. Mercer
May They Rest in Peace